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Applicant(s):

Mehrdad Nikoonahad et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a two-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, such extension allowing the undersigned until December 14, 2004 to respond.

A check is enclosed that includes the amount of \$430.00, as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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Respectfully submitted,

James S. Hsue Reg. No. 29,545

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